

Roscommon CCC Weekly Bulletin for the Early Learning & Care & School Age Childcare Sector in County Roscommon –

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Supporting  
parents/guardians/  
families & the ELC  
and SAC sector



All updates and our weekly newsletter/bulletin from us to your service will now come from our [info@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:info@roscommonchildcare.ie) address. Your assigned development officer will also keep in regular contact with your service for any support needs.



Visit our website at <https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/> Roscommon CCC has uploaded a variety of useful resources for services and parents on our resource page on our website.



<https://www.facebook.com/roscommonchildcare/> where we will continue to post relevant information for our sector as the central local information hub for the ECCE sector in County Roscommon.



Jobs Board

**[JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON ROSCOMMON CCC WEBSITE](#)**

Roscommon CCC Jobs board is updated regularly check it out here:

<https://www.roscommonchildcare.ie/jobs-board/>

**“Remember no query is too small for our team, we are here to support and assist you”.**





**Tip:** Ensure all your Childcare programme records are up to date and available for Pobal inspection during unannounced compliance visits.



**DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:**

**28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**AIM Level 1 -Apply now before the 28<sup>th</sup> of October and be awarded additional capitation from the Inclusion co-ordinators start date for the programme year (See below for further information)**

- **Final Call today Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Community services only\***

**The deadline for completion of the Financial Impact Returns is today, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022.**

- **Friday 28 October 2022**

**New LINC graduate applications received by 5pm will be awarded the additional capitation from the Inclusion Co-Ordinator's employment start date relevant to the 2022/23 Programme year.**

- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**The application process opens for Building Blocks – Improvement Grant (see below).**

- **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

**ELC services are required to re-register with Tulsa before Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Roscommon CCC Seminar & 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Save The Date 24<sup>th</sup> November (see poster attached)**

We are currently finalising our event and really hope that all our services in County Roscommon can join us on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon town. We will have a number of workshops, launch our ChildcareandMe app, strategic plan and invite children within your services to participate in a poster/poem/art initiative as part of our build up to what we hope will be an opportunity for us all to be together again in person and network.

Once we have an event programme finalised, we will send it out to all services but in the meantime please save the date to join us in acknowledging the local ELC/SAC sector and our CCC within our County.



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**Building Blocks – Improvement Grant**

The Department of Children, Equality, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) announced the Building Blocks – Improvement Grant in September 2022. The application for this Grant will open on 28 October 2022 and will be open for approximately 4 weeks. Detailed information regarding Building Blocks – Improvement Grant, is available in the Application Guidelines [here](#).

Applicants can contact the Early Years Provider Centre (EYPC) with any queries by raising a service request on Hive under the programme: Building Blocks – Improvement Grant and selecting the relevant sub-category or by calling EYPC on 01 511 7222.



The table below summarises the key documents required as part of the application process.

**Checklist of Documents**

	<b><u>Strand A Green Energy</u></b>		<b><u>Strand B Retrofit</u></b>
1.	Mandatory Professional Report	1.	Professional Report (optional)
2.	Planning Permission Number for Solar Panels, if required.	2.	Rental/lease/licence agreement if required
3.	Rental/lease/licence agreement, if required	3.	Owner’s Permission template if required
4.	Owner’s Permission template if required	4.	Indicative quote documentation
5.	Indicative quote documentation	5.	Evidence of own funding, if required
6.	Evidence of own funding, if required		

The Building Blocks - Improvement Grant is part of a wider Building Blocks Capital Programme for Early Learning and Childcare under the National Development Plan. Grants will range from €35,000 to €75,000 across two separate strands: Green Energy and Retrofit. The purpose of this Grant is to improve the energy efficiency standards of facilities and to support the continuous improvement of the physical environment in services.

**Roscommon CCC will be providing a support workshop on the Building Blocks- improvement grant in the coming weeks- please register your interest with [sinead.mcquaid@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:sinead.mcquaid@roscommonchildcare.ie)**



**Building Blocks  
Improvement  
Grant 2022**

Checklist of Documents  
for Strand A and Strand B

- Professional Report (Mandatory for Strand A)
- Planning Permission, if required for Strand A only
- Rental/lease/licence agreement, if required
- Owner's Permission template if required
- Indicative quote documentation
- Evidence of own funding, if required
- Additional supporting documentation



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### Support for Ukrainian families

Aine Mannion, development officer here on our team can offer support to services and Ukrainian families/Children with applying for the national childcare schemes and stay and play sessions. Roscommon CCC are grateful to the services who link in with us to ensure there is a coordinated approach in supporting Ukrainian refugee children to access ELS/SAC services within County Roscommon. *Please display the attached poster within your services and circulate to new families.* For further information email Aine at [aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie)

### Ukrainian Supports – Partner Packs

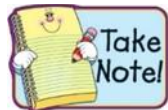
The Department of Education are focussing on making sure all families who arrived in recent weeks or who arrive from now on know how to and why they should access the education system in Ireland.

In addition, for families that are changing accommodation, the aim is to support them as they settle into a school in their new locality. You can view link here

[https://www.cypsc.ie/\\_fileupload/Documents/Resources/Donegal/Partner%20Pack%20%20Ukraine%20Supports%2027\\_09\\_2022.pdf](https://www.cypsc.ie/_fileupload/Documents/Resources/Donegal/Partner%20Pack%20%20Ukraine%20Supports%2027_09_2022.pdf)



### Tusla re-registration 2022



**Only a service with a Tusla number starting with TU2015, TU2016 or TU2019 are required to renew their registration at this time.**

If you have not yet applied for renewal of registration 2022, there is an e-learning programme available to help with the re-registration process. <https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/early-years-providers/early-years-provider-resources/elearning/> There are also a number of other supporting documents available on this link: <https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/early-years-providers/early-years-re-registration/>.

### Core Funding payments - The Core Funding Payment Calendar

The Core Funding Payment Calendar is available here <https://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/core-funding-payment-schedule-2022-23.pdf>

**We have also attached the core funding payment calendar to this bulletin for your convenience**

The current value of 1 week's payment is the total Core Funding value calculated per your application, divided by 52. This weekly amount has been paid for the number of week's detailed above. Each week will have a separate allocation for each eligible premium (Main Base Rate, Graduate Lead Educator Premium & Graduate Manager Premium).



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**DEIS INSPECTIONS:**

A normal programme of Early Years Education Inspection (EYEI) will resume. In the period to the end of December 2022 the inspection programme will focus primarily on settings delivering the ECCE Programme of free preschool education. A small number of Follow-Through (FT) inspections will also be conducted. These are typically carried out when a setting has a published Early Years Education Inspection report for at least one year to allow for progress against inspection recommendations to take place.

The Inspectorate is also planning for a carefully phased commencement of inspection of ELC settings enrolling children aged from birth to six early in 2023. Advance notice will be provided for these inspections in line with the details provided in the Guide to EYEI: Birth to Six gov.ie - Guide to Early Years Education Inspections ([www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie)).

As a result of this extended remit, the Inspectorate will have an inspection role in relation to the quality of educational provision in centre-based settings and schools providing for children and young people from 0 - 18 years. This has the potential to build positive connections across ELC, primary and post-primary education settings and thereby improve the educational transition experiences of babies, children and young people.

With this in mind, please see below a link to the guide for Early Years Education Inspection updated August 2022

[https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.gov.ie%2fen%2fcircular%2f30118-arrangements-for-inspection-of-early-learning-and-care-etc-settings-september-2022-june-2023%2f&c=E,1,W1G\\_Tn5VVP3DdN6oVle5jp9fv-HRnfWktk5A5UhovSPjOmveyKzPD3pflfEbU-UIRBzNiSsy-1XpV8Yjq7mltkwiBDqfh8LSIHBT4VaR5IesVvFtIgaRZD5xLQo,&typo=1](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.gov.ie%2fen%2fcircular%2f30118-arrangements-for-inspection-of-early-learning-and-care-etc-settings-september-2022-june-2023%2f&c=E,1,W1G_Tn5VVP3DdN6oVle5jp9fv-HRnfWktk5A5UhovSPjOmveyKzPD3pflfEbU-UIRBzNiSsy-1XpV8Yjq7mltkwiBDqfh8LSIHBT4VaR5IesVvFtIgaRZD5xLQo,&typo=1)



**NCS Beginner Introduction Training**

Dear Service Provider,

Pobal's Early Years Training Team would like to invite you to a webinar on "NCS Beginner Introduction Training".

The following topics will be covered in the webinar:

- Definition of the 3 types of NCS Subsidies
- NCS Key points
- Attendance & Closure Rules
- System Demo: Creating and editing a Calendar, registering a CHICK, submitting a claim, editing and adding weeks to a claim, Submitting a Return
- Breakdown of the Funding tabs
- Subsidy calculator
- How to submit a request on the Hive for NCS

The webinar will take place at the following date/time:

**NCS Beginner Introduction Training SP Event 1**

**17/10/2022 from 2:30pm - 4:00pm**



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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8564636355232268556>

**NCS Beginner Introduction Training SP Event 2**

18/10/2022 from 10:00am - 11:30am

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9143025650930832140>

**NCS Beginner Introduction Training SP Event 3**

18/10/2022 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/260349386570367501>



**[DCEDIY Transitions project in collaboration with CCC's and Local education Centres](#)**



There are still some places available for services to participate in DCEDIY initiative between a number of CCCs and Education centres to bring this fantastic opportunity for you and your service to partake in this Transitions in Action project.

Please contact Roscommon CCC on 094-9622540 or [info@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:info@roscommonchildcare.ie) to register your interest

Fantastic unique opportunity to avail of specific training and development opportunities



***Are you exploring STEM in your Early Childhood Care and Education setting?***

As part of National Math's week preschools are invited to register for Loving Math's Programme. This is a wonderful opportunity to continue to explore STEM activities within your settings. This event is suitable for preschoolers and junior and senior infant classes upwards.

Join master storyteller, Steve Sherman, the chief imagination officer of [Livingmaths.com](http://Livingmaths.com) for Maths Story adventure. You are invited to take part in 5 exciting episodes in the Loving Maths series. Children will be introduced to mathematical concepts and ideas through the use of stories and play. The sessions are interactive, and the learners will love the stories, the fact that they can assist the hero or heroine of the story and they will get to play a game against Steve as well. The ½ hr session starts every day at 9.00 a.m.

Registration for the event is directly with CALMAST through this link <https://forms.gle/5MH26hQWcesop2r19>

Further information on this and national events for other ages can be found

on [www.mathsweek.ie](http://www.mathsweek.ie), <https://www.mathsweek.ie/2022/events/> or <https://www.calmast.ie/>



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### Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, or would like to set up a Facebook account, we would be most grateful if you could please 'Like' our Roscommon County Childcare Committee Facebook page, and please feel free to 'Share' it too. We post regular updates for ELC/ SAC services and Childminders.

Our Facebook page can be found at the following link [\(1\) Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG | Facebook](#)

### Covid case advice

ELC and SAC providers and Childminders that have positive cases and require support can contact the HSE ELC/SAC dedicated helpline on 01 511 9777. For general Covid-19 queries you can contact HSE live on 1800 700 700 or 01 240 8787 or visit the First 5 website ([www.first5.gov.ie](http://www.first5.gov.ie)) For the most up to date information and guidance.

Should you have any queries on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0949622540 or [info@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:info@roscommonchildcare.ie) or your assigned development officer within our team



### Access and Inclusion Model – Inclusion Play Packs

AIM Inclusive Play reinforces an important message – that children's play is a vital ingredient of childhood, essential for both growth and learning and an integral element of high-quality

pre-school provision. Read on for more information on AIM Inclusive play on this link:

[Resources Archive - Access and Inclusion Model \(aim.gov.ie\)](#)





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PARENTS INFORMATION (👤)

**Online Information session on toilet training**



**VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION ON TOILET TRAINING**



**Speakers:**

Mrs. Margaret Tierman, Continence Adviser - Health Service Executive Roscommon  
Mrs. Siobhan Dates, Clinical Nurse Specialist (Autism) - Roscommon Brothers of Charity  
Mrs. Karen Hickey, Senior Psychologist - Roscommon Early Intervention Services

Date: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Time: 10.15 hrs - 12.15 hrs *OR* 15.00hrs - 17.00hrs

**NOTE:** To receive the link to this information session.  
Please confirm your attendance before Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November to  
[aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:aine.mannion@roscommonchildcare.ie)



Are you a parent who works atypical hours (e.g., part-time work, shift work, nights, weekends) or a parent who lives in a rural community? If so, DCEDIY would like to hear from you about your childcare needs and are holding a number of online focus groups to consult with parents about this topic (see attached and below). If you are interested in taking part, please sign up via Eventbrite at the links below:

- Focus Group 4 – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 8pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/dcediy-consultation-with-parents-focus-group-4-october-18th-2022-tickets-425037417357>
- Focus Group 5 – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 8pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/dcediy-consultation-with-parents-focus-group-5-october-19th-2022-tickets-425043294937>
- Focus Group 6 – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 @ 8pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/dcediy-consultation-with-parents-focus-group-6-october-20th-2022-tickets-425163354037>



- Information for Parents- National Parents Council (NCP), have been tasked with collecting feedback on TUSLA's Early Year's Inspectorate. NCP have provided more context to this particular survey that we are conducting below for your information.
- Context: TUSLA has an Early Year's Inspectorate; these are people who visit childcare services such as pre-schools and creches. Their role is to make sure that childcare services are safe, warm and caring environments for children to play



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,  
Michumais, Lápháirtíochta agus Oige  
Department of Children, Equality,  
Disability, Integration and Youth



government supporting communities

Disclaimer: Please note the information in these bulletins is based on official communications from DCEDIY and Pobal as well as notices on the Hive. However, information is subject to change from week to week so please check our most recent bulletin for the most up to date information. This bulletin should not replace checking PIP & HIVE- it is merely a reminder of important deadlines and information from your local support agency Roscommon CCC.



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and learn and reach their full potential. The National Parents Council has been invited by the Department of Children (DCEDIY) to give feedback on behalf of parents, on the Early Year's Inspectorate. Whether your child currently attends a childcare service or not your opinion is important to help NCP so that they can reflect your views.

- The NPC would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey. Click here for the same: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NPC\\_survey\\_on\\_the\\_Early\\_years\\_Inspectorate](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NPC_survey_on_the_Early_years_Inspectorate)

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**General information for providers & Staff Teams**



**Tusla Always Children First Programme & Training ideas.**

if you have staff that require **Always Children First** training, please let any member of our Roscommon CCC team know and we will put them on our waiting list.

The following are some areas services and practitioners can review as part of their child safeguarding continuing professional development plans.

Irene in Roscommon CCC can advise and support services if you are unsure what CPD staff should undertake.

- Encourage all staff in your service, who haven't completed the Tusla eLearning Programme to do so <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>
- Encourage staff in your service to access the Children First Revision Webinar <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services/>
- Encourage staff in your service to access the Garda Vetting webinar <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services>
- Encourage staff in your service to review and refresh their knowledge by accessing Info Blasts on various topics <https://childsafeguardingelc.ie/category/english/>
- The Children First Act 2015 places a legal obligation on certain people, many of whom are professionals, to report child protection concerns at or above a defined threshold to Tusla - Child and Family Agency. These mandated persons must also assist Tusla, on request, in its assessment of child protection concerns about children who have been the subject of a mandated report.

Watch below a short video on Mandated Persons: [Mandated Persons Tusla - Child and Family Agency](#)

If you need support in this area, please contact Irene who is our child safeguarding trainer on our Roscommon CCC team on 0949622523/0866039606.



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<p>Національна Батьківська Рада Інформаційна довідкова лінія</p> <p>Ви український батько, який нещодавно приїхав до Ірландії? Ваша дитина дошкільного чи шкільного віку?</p> <p>Ми можемо допомогти вам з будь-якими питаннями, які можуть виникнути у зв'язку з навчанням вашої дитини в Ірландії, і у нас є співробітник гарячої лінії, який володіє українською та російською мовами.</p>  <p>Ви можете зв'язатися з нами телефоном або електронною поштою та поговорити з нашим українським спеціалістом гарячої лінії:</p> <p>З понеділка по п'ятницю з 9:00 до 17:00 Телефон: 01 887 4473 Електронна пошта: <a href="mailto:helpline@npc.ie">helpline@npc.ie</a></p> 	<p>Национальный Родительский Совет Информационная линия помощи</p> <p>Вы украинский родитель, недавно приехавший в Ирландию? Ваш ребенок дошкольного или школьного возраста?</p> <p>Мы можем помочь вам с любыми вопросами, которые могут у вас возникнуть в связи с образованием вашего ребенка в Ирландии, и у нас есть сотрудник горячей линии, который говорит на украинском и русском языках.</p>  <p>Вы можете связаться с нами по телефону или электронной почте и поговорить с нашим украинским сотрудником горячей линии:</p> <p>С понедельника по пятницу с 9:00 до 17:00 Телефон: 01 887 4473 Электронная почта: <a href="mailto:helpline@npc.ie">helpline@npc.ie</a></p> 
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### Training for providers & staff teams

#### **Hanen Teacher Talk B 'Let Language Lead the Way to Literacy' Upcoming Courses - Better Start**

Better Start will be delivering Hanen Teacher Talk B 'Let Language Lead the Way to Literacy' from September. Participants must have completed Hanen Teacher Talk A 'Encouraging Language Development in Early Childhood Settings' in order to be eligible for the training.

Please register your interest for this training on the Better Start website. You will need the service reference number of the service you are working in.

Click on this link - [Hanen Teacher Talk B 'Let Language Lead the Way to Literacy' Upcoming Courses! - Better Start](#)

#### **LINC+ CPD Programme for LINC graduates**

LINC+ the CPD Programme for Graduates of the LINC Programme is now accepting new applications for the next release of Package 1 starting in October 2022. The LINC+ CPD Programme is designed to support LINC Graduates in their role within the setting. The course is 100% online and is free to participate in.

Find out more: <https://lincprogramme.ie/cpd-for-incos>

Brochure: <https://lincprogramme.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Updated-LINC>

#### **National Childcare Scheme Compliance Inspections**

Compliance inspections on the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) are continuing at present nationwide. It is advised that services prepare for an unannounced compliance visit by collating relevant information for review e.g., in a Compliance Folder/File which can be made readily available to the Authorised Officer on arrival. In this regard we request that the person in charge on site has access to the Compliance Folder / records in the event of an unannounced visit.

It is important to note, that the compliance inspection will review documents up to 12 months prior to the date of the compliance inspection. It is therefore critical that records for the 2021/22 programme call are also maintained on site.

Relevant support documents which are available on the Hive under the Resources section. These documents are listed below and can also be accessed through the links:



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**NCS Compliance Service Provider Guide 2022/2023** – a guide on the NCS compliance process

[NCS Compliance Service Provider Guide 2022 2023 Cycle Final](#)

**NCS Compliance Checklist 2022/2023** – a checklist to help services to make sure they have all relevant documentation ready for any unannounced compliance visit

[NCS Compliance Checklist 2022 2023 Final](#)

**AIM Rules 2022/2023**

The DCECIY have published the AIM Rules 2022/2023 on the AIM website. The link is as follows:

<https://aim.gov.ie/aim-rules-for-2022-2023-programme-year-published/>

**CCSP fee policies**

Please e mail your CCSP fee policies to Roscommon CCC to [carmel.dunne@roscommonchildcare.ie](mailto:carmel.dunne@roscommonchildcare.ie) for checking

**Childminders Information**

**National Action Plan for Childminding Autumn Newsletter attached**

**Calling all Childminders**

The voice of the childminder is vital to the success of the National Action Plan for Childminding. Childminders are currently on the Steering Group and four Advisory Groups in relation to regulation, training, funding, and communications.

We wish to invite childminders to take part in further consultation regarding the National Action Plan for Childminding. To express your interest, please complete this 5–10-minute survey. <https://forms.office.com/r/GhX1qv8GZX>

You can choose which type of consultation you want to engage with: surveys, focus groups, interviews, workshops, or piloting a programme. These could be online, by phone or in person.

The survey will be open until 5pm on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October.



**NPC Helpline**  
The Helpline is open this week from 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Friday and is contactable via phone, email and webchat.  
This is a confidential service for parents of children in early years and primary school education.

 01 887 4477     [helpline@npc.ie](mailto:helpline@npc.ie)     [www.npc.ie](http://www.npc.ie)

  
Supporting Parents  
Supporting Children



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**The National Parents council have developed this leaflet to support children’s mental wellbeing.**

Good mental health is essential for the well-being of all children. Children’s well-being is connected to:

- Feeling good socially – This means having good relationships with family and friends which help children grow and develop and reach their potential.
- Feeling good emotionally – This means being able to understand, express and manage the way they feel.
- Feeling good physically – This means having a healthy body and being able to physically do all the things they want to do.

[Click here](#) to view this leaflet.

**Please note these sessions will be interactive allowing parents to participate and hence places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.**



**Helium Arts**  
CREATIVITY CHANGES LIVES

**REGISTER NOW FOR  
AUTUMN ART  
CAMPS IN  
ROSCOMMON**

Free creative art workshops to help children, aged 6-12, with lifelong physical health conditions live life to the full.

**When & Where**  
Tuesday 1 - Thursday 3 November 2022

Venue: Roscommon Community Sports Park Building, Lisnamult, F42 KP86

Ages 6-8: 10:30am-11:30am  
Ages 9-12: 2:00pm-4:00pm

Bookings by email to [hello@helium.ie](mailto:hello@helium.ie) or 083 010 3240

Medical support provided in the workshop space

[www.helium.ie](http://www.helium.ie)

Registered charity No. 30072200

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F42 KP86**

**How to Register**

Contact Helium Arts’ Family Liaison

**[hello@helium.ie](mailto:hello@helium.ie) or 083 010 3240**

Closing date for bookings is  
Monday 10 October.

